

U.S. Consulate General Yekaterinburg, Russia
Security Message for U.S. Citizens –
Protest Demonstrations in Chelyabinsk, Orenburg, Perm, Yekaterinburg
March 1, 2015

U.S. citizens should be aware that several large-scale protest meetings are likely to occur within the Yekaterinburg consular district on Sunday, March 1st, 2015. In addition to other cities throughout Russia, “meetings” are likely to occur in cities to include Yekaterinburg, Chelyabinsk, Perm, and Orenburg.

The Yekaterinburg organizers are calling for more than 500 opposition protestors to participate in a “Vesna”/ “Spring” March in protest of regional government. There is no known element of their protest that is anti-American; however, the crowd size is anticipated to be large. The requested assembly location was disapproved, but the location of the Park of the 22nd Party Convention (between Verkh-Issetskiy Boulevard and Moskovskaya Street) is likely to be allowed. A larger-than-usual police presence will likely be evident in and around the affected areas of the park.

In Chelyabinsk, the meeting is to occur from 1400 to 1700 at Aloe Field (between Krasnaya Street and Sverdlovsky Avenue) with up to 400 protestors being permitted.

In Perm, the meeting is to begin at 1300 at the Palace of Culture named after A.G. Soldatov (79 Komsomolskiy Avenue) with at least 100 protestors claiming intent to participate.

In Orenburg, the meeting is to occur between at 1400 and 1530 at the Monument to Musa Jalil (between Parkovyi Avenue and 9 Yanvarya St.). At this time, 50 protestors have expressed intent to participate.

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